Subject No. 377.

Abolition of duty on Europe made piece-goods.

Summary of discussion.—When duty was imposed on Europe made piece-goods in Mysore, it was ordered to be levied in Seringapatam and Ganjam also. This duty was however abolished in Mysore two years ago. But it is still continued at Seringapatam. It should be abolished here also.

Dewan's reply.—Let the Municipal Board move in the matter. You want more funds on one side and to abolish existing taxes on the other.

Subject No. 378.

An Assistant Commissioner for criminal work at French Rocks and also to be Municipal President.

Summary of discussion.—The Sub-Division Officer, French Rocks, has multifarious duties to attend to. If the help of an Assistant Commissioner were given to him, public convenience would be promoted.

Dewan's reply.—We will consider. Perhaps the Deputy Amildar may be shifted to French Rocks.

Subject No. 379.

A Musafarkhana at Seringapatam.

Summary of discussion.—Seringapatam being a religious and historical place is visited by people from all parts of India. But there is no suitable accommodation for them. A Musafarkhana should be constructed. The Jamabandi house is not available to the public.

Dewan's reply.—This is matter for the Local Fund Board.

Subject No. 380.

Measures for the improvement of education.

Summary of discussion.—The proportion of State income devoted to education is small, and should be increased so that sufficient provision may be made by which it would be unnecessary for any Mysore student to go outside Mysore to finish his education. With this view measures should be adopted as follows:—

(*a*) The raising of the Maharaja's College to the standard of a 1st grade College.

(*b*) The establishing of an Engineering College in Mysore.

(*c*) The formation of a B. L. class either in Bangalore or in Mysore.

(*d*) The establishing of industrial schools one at each of the District Head-quarters.

(*e*) The appointment of a committee to consider and report on the working of the new Educational Rules passed by the Government and to suggest any changes if necessary. The principle upon which the present rules are based is sound enough. But their working is difficult and parents regard them as an undue interference with their freedom of choice of the course of education which their children shall receive. Experienced men should be appointed to sit on the committee.

(*f*) The provision for opening a Laboratory in connection with the Educational Museum about to be located in the Oriental Library Hall so that it may be utilized for popular scientific lectures by qualified men.

(*g*) The formation of a Free Library in the City of Mysore.

[NOTE.—The Education Secretary pointed out that whereas less than one per cent of State Revenue was being spent on Education in British India, the proportion was about 2½ per cent in Mysore.]

Dewan's reply.—All these matters shall receive attention in due course.

MYSORE MUNICIPALITY.

Subject No. 381.
Sanitary works, &c., for Mysore City.

Summary of discussion.—Much has been done for the Mysore City in the matter of sanitary works and improvement. But much still remains to be done. There are some parts of the town which are over-crowded and insanitary and which require opening out, *Bellikattige Missal*, *Tupaki bithi*, &c. A comprehensive Drainage scheme has also to be carried out for the Town. All this would cost a great deal and to do it all out of the limited income of the Municipality would take a very long time.. It would therefore be a great help to the Municipality, if Government lend the necessary funds and have the works carried out early.

Dewan's reply.—Any application from the Municipal Board for a loan with reasonable proposals for repayment will receive every consideration from Government.

Subject No. 382.
Election of Municipal Members in Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The number of merchants on the Mysore Municipal Board should be increased. Half the number of members of every Municipal Board should consist of respectable merchants, land-holders and house-owners.

[NOTE.—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that as the Rate-payers in Mysore City had the right of election, it rested with them to elect whomsoever they required. He had been trying to remedy the inequality caused in the last elections].

At present there are only five merchants on the Mysore City Municipal Board. It is true that the privilege of electing the Municipal Commissioners has been granted to Rate-payers. But very few merchants are elected. Where the results of elections do not furnish proportionate representation of all classes of the community, Government should correct the inequality in the course of its own nominations by supplying the deficiencies.

Dewan's reply.—This is being done as far as possible. But it is the electors that should be chiefly looked to.